

Fire Report



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Mutual Aid

Superior, like most of the volunteer agencies in our area, has seen a marked drop in the amount of volunteers that are interested in fire over the last 20 years. Superior has 7 in-town reserves, most of whom have full time jobs out of town. This can be compared to the department's hey-day, when they could expect 25 plus members, and most worked in town. To make up for these manpower deficiencies we have actively pursued strong mutual aid agreements.

Mutual Aid is one of the most important tools of the modern fire department, and one of the most misunderstood. Mutual aid is an agreement, usually formal, that says public safety agencies will aid each other when needed. It is not uncommon to see

that three or four agencies will respond to a call in the valley. In addition, they may provide "roll-up" coverage, for instance, moving a Gilbert engine to Chandler to cover while they are involved on a large incident. This allows all of the agencies to have a stronger response without having to incur more coverage costs.

Superior has signed the formal state-wide and county-wide mutual aid agreements, as well as one with Tri-city Fire District. In addition we have one automatic aid agreement with Queen Valley Fire District. Automatic aid is similar to mutual aid, except that both parties will automatically be dispatched to all structures fires in both jurisdictions. Both agencies have an average re-

sponse to a fire of 4 to 6 firefighters, and combined we will have 8 to 12 firefighters on each fire, arriving within the first 20 minutes of the fire. This is still much fewer responders than you can expect to see on a valley incident, but is much better than we would have without mutual aid.

The down side of mutual aid is that it takes a while to get here. Queen Valley will arrive within 20 minutes, and Apache Junction will arrive in 30 to 40 minutes. Any delay in dispatching mutual aid agencies will mean that they will not arrive soon enough to be of use.

December 2012

EMS = 52

Fire = 6

December 2013

EMS = 66

Fire = 14



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Christmas Event a Success

We collected 1659 toys this year, and distributed 1400 of them. This was a difficult year, and many of toys did not come in until the last minute, but the citizens and businesses pulled together for the children of Superior.

We received one complaint about the sirens scaring animals, and we will be using DJ equipment to broadcast music next year so that

we can decrease siren use, perhaps using them only once to announce our presence in each neighborhood.



Vehicle Update

Rescue 631 had a new alternator installed and two batteries replaced under warranty. It is up without any problems.

Engine 632 is still broken down and quotes are pending on the repair. This unit needs a complete top end rebuild.

Engine 631 has a sensor problem, it is idling roughly, and perform-

ance is not what it should be.

All other vehicles are up and running.

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Code Enforcement Update

Tickets continue to work through the court, and progress on many properties has been made. The volume of tickets should be cleared in early February.

Voluntary compliance has increased, with nearly 80% compli-

ance on the last set of notices.

As second pass on the town for notices will be completed over the next several months.

A list of problem properties is in development, and more work will be required to develop plans for

these properties.